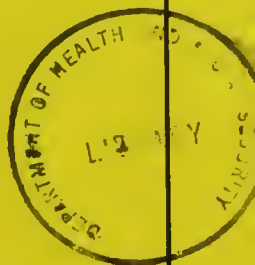


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*To the Chairmen and Members of the Bathavon,
Clutton, Frome Rural, Frome Urban, Keynsham
and Norton-Radstock District Councils.*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

In presenting my Annual Report for 1969 for the combined Area and the details for the six component Authorities, I do so with the anticipation of revolutionary changes in this procedure in the apparently not too distant future. The impending reorganisation of Local Government and of the National Health Service will alter the status of the Medical Officer of Health. His exact position is, I am afraid, not quite clear, but it appears that he will join the ranks of the Area Health Boards, and not, as now, be directly employed by local Authorities. He will however, act in an advisory capacity to these Authorities in their new form. We can only hope that whatever reforms take place they will be in the best interests of the public.

The general conditions in the combined area maintained a satisfactory level as before, the overall statistics falling on the right side of the national averages.

We have succumbed somewhat in the incidence of dysentery and food poisoning. Particularly with the latter, it looks as if we shall have to compete more and more with Salmonella infections brought back by holidaymakers from certain Mediterranean areas with standards of hygiene considerably lower than we would accept here. I suppose that it is only human that people will be attracted to the sunny country which offers holidays at a cheaper rate than the more established tourist countries with higher standards, but it is unfortunate when they return with more than they have bargained for. Many prospective tourists protect themselves by being vaccinated against the more serious typhoid and paratyphoid diseases, but there is no such protection against the multitude of food poisoning and other gastro-intestinal infections.

May I take this opportunity to thank you, the Councils, for your continued support and interest, the Public Health Inspectors and staffs for their more than ready help and co-operation. As usual I am indebted to Miss Baldwin and Mrs. Coombs for their loyalty and assistance in keeping the busy central Department running.

I am, ladies and gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

N. NEWMAN

COMBINED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics:

The figures in the following table represent the corrected birth and death rates for the combined six districts for the five years period 1965-1969 with the comparative figures for England and Wales.

		<i>Birth rate</i>	<i>Death rate</i>	<i>Infantile rate</i>
Combined districts	1965	18.57	9.8	17.81
England and Wales	1965	18.1	11.5	19.0
Combined districts	1966	18.57	10.15	16.05
England and Wales	1966	17.7	11.7	18.9
Combined districts	1967	18.23	10.02	13.3
England and Wales	1967	17.2	11.2	18.3
Combined districts	1968	16.5	10.27	13.5
England and Wales	1968	16.9	11.9	18.0
Combined districts	1969	17.27	10.7	16.0
England and Wales	1969	16.3	11.8	18.0

CAUSES OF DEATH IN INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

	<i>Under 1 week</i>	<i>1-4 weeks</i>	<i>1-6 months</i>	<i>6-12 months</i>	<i>Total</i>
Accidental asphyxia	—	—	1	—	1
Atelectasis	1	1	1	—	3
Broncho pneumonia	2	—	—	—	2
Cerebral haemorrhage	—	1	—	—	1
Congestive heart failure	1	—	—	—	1
Congenital defect	5	—	2	—	7
Hyaline membrane disease	1	—	—	—	1
Prematurity	7	—	—	—	7
Pulmonary haemorrhage	1	—	—	—	1
Staphylococcal Septicaemia	—	—	1	—	1
	18	2	5	—	25

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifications in the combined districts for the five-year period 1965-1969.

	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Scarlet Fever	15	23	20	10	8
Whooping Cough	26	19	17	24	7
Measles	911	605	1363	359	595
Dysentery	7	9	32	3	49
Food Poisoning	60	11	10	7	17
Acute Meningitis	—	1	—	3	5
Tuberculosis Respiratory	32	6	4	4	2
Tuberculosis Other forms	2	1	2	2	—
Infective Jaundice	—	—	—	9	30
Malaria	—	—	—	1	—
Typhoid Fever	—	1	—	—	—

There is little variation in the general incidence of the common infectious diseases of childhood from year to year. The benefit, even in the limited campaign, of measles vaccination, shows in the somewhat lower figure of notifications in what should have been the biennial peak year.

There has been more dysentery and food poisoning than for some years, but fortunately these have been contained within family limits, or as isolated cases. Whereas we have normally no basis for undue anxiety, we are rather concerned with food poisoning in the very young and the elderly. This year we had one death of an elderly lady infected from an untraceable source. Many of the notifications were of so-called "symptomless carriers", i.e. persons who have been infected, although with possibly mild, unheeded symptoms at onset, but detected by "screening" because of their being contacts of established cases. Some contracted the disease from infected cattle.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE

Early chest disease, including tuberculosis, other lung disease and heart conditions, can be detected by Mass Radiography. A regular free public service is offered within our area, in addition to daily sessions in Bristol and weekly in Bath.

FROME—Cork Street Car Park, alternate Tuesdays, 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

KEYNSHAM—Lamb & Lark Hotel Car Park, alternate Fridays, 10.15 a.m. to 11.15 a.m.

RADSTOCK—Victoria Square Car Park, alternate Mondays, 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Industrial and other establishments are also visited on request, some at regular intervals.

The following details of visits during 1969 have been kindly given by the Director of the Mass Radiography Service.

				<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cork Street Car Park, Frome						
G.P. Cases	Number examined	....	....	150	151	301
included: 7	Abnormalities detected:					
	Healed Pulmonary Tuberculosis			—	1	1
	Bronchial carcinoma	....	....	1	—	1
Lamb and Lark Car Park, Keynsham						
G.P. Cases	Number examined	....	....	151	259	410
included: 107	Abnormalities detected:					
	Healed Pulmonary Tuberculosis			1	3	4
	Bronchial Carcinoma	....	....	1	—	1
	Acquired Cardiac lesion	....		2	—	2
	Bacterial and Virus Infections of the Lungs	....	....	5	2	7
	Chronic bronchitis	....	....	1	—	1
	Pleural thickening	....	....	—	1	1
Victoria Square Car Park, Radstock						
G.P. Cases	Number examined	....	....	146	195	341
included: 104	Abnormalities detected:					
	Active Pulmonary Tuberculosis			1	—	1
	Healed Pulmonary Tuberculosis			1	—	1
	Lymphadenopathy	....	....	1	—	1
	Bronchiectasis	....	....	1	—	1
	Chronic bronchitis	....	....	—	1	1
Other sites visited:						
Selwood Hospital, Frome						
9th Sept., 1969	Number examined	....	....	51	73	124
	No abnormalities were detected					

BATHAVON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

POPULATION ESTIMATED MID-YEAR, 1969	.....	.....	18,290
AREA OF THE DISTRICT	.....	.....	39,125 acres
NUMBER OF HOUSES INHABITED ACCORDING TO RATE BOOKS, 1969	.....	.....	5,900
AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSE	.....	.....	3.11
SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE 1969-70	.....	.....	£1,995
RATEABLE VALUE, APRIL 1969	£507,498

<i>Chairman of the Council</i>	A. J. SANDERS, ESQ.
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EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

The figures in parentheses are for 1968

Live Births:

Number	....	....	....	....	....	....	254	(253)
Rate per 1,000 population	....	....	....	....	....	....	13.9	(13.8)
Birth Rate corrected by comparability factor (1.05)	....	....	....	....	....	....	14.6	(14.49)
Illegitimate Live Births (per cent of total live births)	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	(6.32)

Still Births:

Number	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	(7)
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	(26.92)
Total Live and Still Births	....	....	....	....	....	....	256	(260)
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	(6)

Infant Mortality Rates:

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	....	....	....	....	....	....	31	(24)
Legitimate deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	....	....	....	....	....	....	33	(21.1)
Illegitimate deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	....	....	....	....	....	....	—	(62.5)
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	....	....	....	....	....	....	31	(3.95)
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	....	....	....	....	....	....	28	(3.95)
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	....	....	....	....	....	....	35	(30.8)

Maternal Mortality (including abortions):

Number of deaths	....	....	....	....	....	....	—	(—)
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	....	....	....	....	....	....	—	(—)
General death rate per 1,000 estimated average population	....	....	....	....	....	....	11.1	(11.1)
General death rate corrected by comparability factor (0.94)	....	....	....	....	....	....	10.4	(10.32)

DEATHS

The number of deaths, adjusted for inward and outward transfers, total 203, One Hundred and two Male and One Hundred and One Female. The following table indicates the cause of death.

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	All ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS							75 & over			
					1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64		65-74		
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity, etc ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ...	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ...	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine ...	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine ...	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx ...	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ...	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ...	M	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ...	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ...	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus ...	F	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus ...	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Leukaemia ...	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Leukaemia ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Malignant Neoplasms ...	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Malignant Neoplasms ...	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diabetes Mellitus ...	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diabetes Mellitus ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc. ...	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc. ...	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease...	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hypertensive Disease ...	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hypertensive Disease ...	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ischaemic Heart Disease ...	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ischaemic Heart Disease ...	M	28	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Forms of Heart Disease ...	F	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Forms of Heart Disease ...	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebrovascular Disease ...	F	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebrovascular Disease ...	M	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebrovascular Disease ...	F	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	All ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS										
					1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 & over		
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
	M	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Bronchitis and Emphysema	F	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
	M	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Asthma	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peptic Ulcer	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Congenital Anomalies	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	M	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	F	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	M	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	M	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	F	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Motor Vehicle Accidents	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Other Accidents	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	102	6	—	2	—	—	—	1	6	20	29	38		
	F	101	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	10	15	71		

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED

<i>Disease</i>	<i>Total cases notified</i>		<i>Total deaths</i>	
Measles	167	(57)	—	(—)
Scarlet Fever	2	(10)	—	(—)
Dysentery	2	(2)	—	(—)
Whooping Cough	—	(7)	—	(—)
Infective Jaundice	21	(7)	—	(—)
Food Poisoning	1	(5)	—	(—)
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	2	(1)	—	(—)
Acute Meningitis	1	(—)	—	(—)
TOTAL:	196	(89)	—	(—)

The general statistics on births and deaths continue at about the usual reasonable level. The total number of births exceeded deaths by 50. About half the deaths were due to heart and circulatory disease and the same proportion were of persons aged 75 and over. Almost one third of the 40 cancer deaths were of the lungs (12 cases compared with 7 last year).

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR WATER SUPPLY

Bristol Waterworks Company and Bath City Corporation are the two main statutory water authorities supplying mains water to the majority of the parishes within the District. An adequate supply is provided by both. Samples are taken periodically for bacteriological examination and reports indicate that the water is free from bacterial contamination.

Bath Corporation have now completed the installation of a complete new service system for the hamlet of Tadwick in the parish of Swainswick.

Whenever bacteriological samples from private supplies have proved unsatisfactory consideration is given to mains supply. Mains extensions are under investigation for small schemes in Batheaston and Shockerwick areas and loan sanction is awaited from the Ministry for the Claverton scheme.

One private spring supply to three houses in the Whitchurch parish which had been in use for 50 years dried up completely in November for no apparent reason. In considering an extension of the mains supply the nearest available route will pass houses in an adjoining authority each with its own private water supply. Negotiations have commenced with that authority to extend the mains water to supply the houses and cottages. Application will be made for the scheme to be grant aided by the County and the Ministry under the provisions of the Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act, 1944-65.

Neither of the statutory undertakers adds fluoride to the supply.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The sewerage from the parishes in the Eastern part of the District discharges by agreement into the Bath Corporation system. Numerous small improvements have now been carried out in this area by tracing crude discharges to the St. Catherine Brook near its junction with the River Avon and connecting them to the main drainage system. It was also found necessary to instal a small storm water overflow to discharge into the St. Catherine Brook to prevent flooding from surcharging of sewers at times of heavy rain. Although this has proved successful as an anti-flooding device these installations must never become a permanent substitute for the continuing use of inadequately sized sewers. Sewage from Whitchurch is also taken by agreement into the Britishol Corporation mains drainage system.

The Ministry have now sanctioned the new drainage scheme for the New Buildings area of Peasedown St. John, but the portion for the parish of Carlingcott has been deferred. It is expected that the work will commence early in the New Year.

The extension to the Freshford Disposal Works is now almost completed. The plant will then cope adequately with the increased sewage flow from the parish of Limpley Stoke in the area of Bradford and Melksham Rural District Council.

Two further schemes which are awaiting Ministry loan sanction are in respect of Hinton Charterhouse and Marksbury/Compton Dando.

Wherever there are villages or hamlets with a reasonably compact development the sewerage of these areas should receive every priority. There is evidence to show that in the majority of villages a growing community is developing, consequently, adequate and proper facilities for the disposal of liquid waste must be made.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The collection of domestic and trade refuse is carried out on a weekly basis.

One additional new compression vehicle has been purchased during the year. The collection fleet now comprises three compression vehicles and a small side-loader. It is found that a side-loader is still necessary for collections in the more remote parts of the District.

It is being found in many households that with the increasing bulkiness of refuse and disposable materials and the continuing popularity of specialist central heating installations more houses are having to provide additional refuse storage containers. If the refuse continues to increase in bulk more consideration will have to be given to either providing additional storage arrangements or a more frequent collection system.

The method of refuse disposal is by controlled tipping at the one tip, a crawler tractor effecting proper compaction and levelling quite effectively. Negotiations are continuing for a further disused railway cutting as an extension to our present site. If the negotiations are successful we shall have adequate available tipping space for many years.

The new service of special collections free of charge made under the provisions of the Civic Amenities Act continues to be popular and provides a useful service.

HOUSING

1)	Number of dwelling houses	....	....	....	....	6132
2)	Number of dwelling houses owned by Local Authority					1326
3)	Houses listed as unfit for habitation and for action individually or by Clearance Order	....	....	....	....	42
4)	Houses demolished during the year	....	....	....	....	6
5)	Houses made fit by owners	....	....	....	....	38
6)	Houses erected by the Council	....	....	....	....	103
7)	Houses erected by private enterprise	....	....	....	....	43
8)	Number of Old People's Dwellings by the Council up to 31.12.69	....	....	....	....	150
9)	Number of Old People's Dwellings erected by the Council					52
10)	Applications for Council houses at the end of the year	....				183

A new block of 36 Old People's Dwellings with wardens accommodation was opened during the year. This type of development provides a very great need of comfortable housing with all modern facilities for elderly people.

The older private houses continue to be improved on a general scale, special emphasis not being placed on any one section of housing nor on any particular district.

The new provisions for grant aided improvements which came into effect in August have not resulted in the expected rush of applicants.

The majority of applications for improving cottages are from owners and prospective owners for their own occupation.

Details of applications for Improvement Grants are as follows:

	<i>Up to August, 1969</i>				<i>After August, 1969</i>			
	<i>Received</i>		<i>Approved</i>		<i>Received</i>		<i>Approved</i>	
	<i>Appli- cations</i>	<i>No. of dwel- lings</i>	<i>Appli- cations</i>	<i>No. of dwel- lings</i>	<i>Appli- cations</i>	<i>No. of dwel- lings</i>	<i>Appli- cations</i>	<i>No. of dwel- lings</i>
1. Improvement Grants	33	33	31	31	38	38	35	35
2. Standard Grants	13	13	12	12	5	5	4	4
3. Special Grants	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

Food premises covered by the Regulations are as follows:

<i>Trade</i>	<i>No. of premises</i>	<i>No. complying with Reg. 16</i>	<i>No. to which Regulation 19 applies</i>	<i>No. complying with Reg. 19</i>
Catering Business	43	43	43	43
Butcher	10	10	10	10
Grocers & Greengrocers	45	45	45	45
Fishmonger	1	1	1	1
Fish Frier	1	1	1	1
Newsagent & Confectionery	16	16	—	—
Bakery	3	3	3	3

All food premises were the subject of routine inspections during the year. It was found necessary to issue 17 notices in respect of infringements of the Regulations, all the items were subsequently remedied. Inspections are also carried out of mobile shops and delivery vehicles. The standards are watched most carefully as there is a greater difficulty in keeping up a good standard of cleanliness in these vehicles. I am sure that more control could be exercised if registration of such traders were required.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Milk:

Number of distributors	37
Number of dairy premises	14

The routine sampling of milk for chemical, bacteriological and biological examination is carried out by the Somerset County Council.

Brucella Abortus:

One notice was served in respect of farm bottled milk. The milk was diverted for heat treatment until the herd had been cleared of infection.

Ice-Cream:

Number of premises registered for the sale of ice-cream	68
Number of premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream	Nil

All premises are retailing pre-packed ice-cream from manufacturers of national repute and no problems have been experienced during this year.

Meat Inspection:

There are no slaughterhouses, bacon factories or poultry packing establishments in the District.

Unsound Foods:

The following list of foods was surrendered as unfit for human consumption and destroyed:

2 cwt 20 lbs canned meats
1 cwt 26 lbs other canned foods
3 cwt 39 lbs miscellaneous foods

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1963

Details of licensed caravan sites in the District are as follows:

Number of individual caravans	....	....	....	....	....	21
Number of sites for more than one van	....	....	....	....	....	5
Number of holiday sites	....	....	....	....	....	3
Estimated maximum number of occupants	....	....	....	....	....	123

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

There were seven premises newly registered and seven excluded from the register giving a total of 41 registered premises at the end of the year.

It was found necessary to serve informal notices on 11 establishments in respect of minor infringements. All necessary repairs and replacements were carried out without recourse to formal action.

Copies of OSR 9B Abstract of the Regulations are purchased by the Council and re-sold to occupiers of registered premises on request.

There was only one accident notified during the year, which, on investigation, proved to be of a minor nature.

RODENT CONTROL

One Rodent Operator is employed full time for dealing with complaints and treatments for destruction of rats and mice.

Treatments at private dwellings are carried out free of charge, but work carried out at business premises is done on a chargeable basis, or alternatively, a contract service is available.

No particular difficulties were encountered in dealing with the rodent population. No evidence of Warfarin shyness or Warfarin resistance has been noticed.

The proprietary permanent baiting hoppers continue in order that their success may be proved by the small number of complaints received even from the Urbanised parts of the District.

No instances occurred during the year in which we had cause to think the sewers were infested. Various manholes were test baited with a negative result.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER, 1957

There has been no change during the year in type of plants used for boiling waste foods. This material is used exclusively in the District for pig feeding purposes.

Routine visits were made during the year. One new plant was established, and two licences revoked. The number of plants boiling swill is 12, made up as follows:

Coppers	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7
Pressure Cookers	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
Steam Injectors	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3

There were no special difficulties encountered during the year.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

There are five licensed Animal Boarding Establishments in the District, catering for both cats and dogs. Routine visits were made during the year and no particular difficulties were encountered.

GENERAL

The one Knacker's Yard continues to operate satisfactorily. Initial problems were caused when the Meat (Sterilization) Regulations 1969 came into force but these have now been overcome and the provisions of the Regulations are being complied with.

There are no licensed pet shops or public swimming pools in the District.

APPENDIX

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

<i>Premises</i> (1)	<i>Number on Register</i> (2)	<i>Number of</i>		
		<i>Inspections</i> (3)	<i>Written notices</i> (4)	<i>Occupiers prosecuted</i> (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	—	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	36	34	5	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	7	5	—	—
TOTAL:	43	39	5	—

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found:

<i>Particulars</i> (1)	<i>Number of cases in which defects were found</i>				<i>Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted</i> (6)
	<i>Found</i> (2)	<i>Remedied</i> (3)	<i>Referred To H.M. Inspector</i> (4)	<i>By H.M. Inspector</i> (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	5	5	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL:	5	5	—	—	—

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

<i>Nature of Work</i> (1)	<i>Section 133</i>			<i>Section 134</i>		
	<i>No of out workers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c)</i> (2)	<i>No. of cases of defaults in sending lists to the Council</i> (3)	<i>No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists</i> (4)	<i>No. of instances of work in un-wholesome premises</i> (5)	<i>Notices served</i> (6)	<i>Prosecutions</i> (7)
Wearing apparel } Making etc.	11	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL:	11	—	—	—	—	—

CLUTTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

POPULATION ESTIMATED MID-YEAR 1969	.....	.....	19,830
AREA OF DISTRICT	.....	.....	43,225 acres
NUMBER OF HOUSES INHABITED ACCORDING TO RATE BOOK, 1969	.....	.....	6,749
AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSE	.....	.....	2.96
SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE 1969/70	£2,225
RATEABLE VALUE, APRIL, 1969	£550,267

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EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

The figures in parentheses are for 1968.

Live Births:

Number	....	....	....	....	....	....	302	(290)
Rate per 1,000 population	....	....	....	....	....	....	15.2	(14.9)
Birth rate corrected by comparability factor (1.08)	....	....	....	....	....	....	16.4	(16.09)
Illegitimate Live Births (per cent of total live births)	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	(3.44)

Still Births:

Number	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	(7)
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	....	....	....	....	....	....	19	(23.57)
Total Live and Still births	....	....	....	....	....	....	308	(297)
Infant deaths (deaths under 1 year)	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	(5)

Infant Mortality Rates:

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	....	....	....	....	....	....	13	(17.24)
Legitimate deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	....	....	....	....	....	....	14	(17.86)
Illegitimate deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	....	....	....	....	....	....	—	(—)
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	(17.24)
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	(17.24)
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	....	....	....	....	....	....	29	(40.40)

Maternal Mortality (including abortions):

Number of deaths	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	(1)
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	....	....	....	....	....	....	3.24	(3.37)
General death rate per 1,000 estimated average population	....	....	....	....	....	....	10.6	(10.5)
General death rate corrected by comparability factor (0.94)	....	....	....	....	....	....	10.0	(9.98)

DEATHS

The number of deaths, adjusted for inward and outward transfers, total 210, One Hundred and Twenty-three Male and Eighty-seven Female. The following Table indicates the cause of death.

[illegible]

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	All ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
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INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED

<i>Disease</i>					<i>Total cases notified</i>		<i>Total deaths</i>	
Measles	....	....	....	....	159	(161)	—	(—)
Scarlet Fever	....	....	....	....	1	(4)	—	(—)
Dysentery	....	....	....	....	9	(—)	—	(—)
Whooping Cough	....	....	....	....	4	(—)	—	(—)
Infective Jaundice	....	....	....	....	—	( 1)	—	(—)
Food Poisoning	....	....	....	....	3	(—)	—	(—)
Tuberculosis Respiratory	....	....	....	....	—	( 2)	—	(1)
Tuberculosis Other	....	....	....	....	—	( 1)	—	(—)
Malaria	....	....	....	....	—	( 1)	—	(—)
TOTAL:					176	(170)	—	(1)

All the basic vital statistics are keeping on the right side of the national averages. The number of births exceeded deaths by 92. There was however, again one death associated with pregnancy.

A little over half of the deaths were due to heart and circulatory disease. Of the 39 cancer deaths, twelve were of the lungs (two aged 41 and 43).

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

WATER SUPPLY

- (a) Bristol Waterworks Co., supplies mains water throughout all 23 parishes. No reports were received of any shortage occurring in any villages.
- (b) Sampling for bacteriological examination and chemical analysis gave the following results:—

(a) <i>Raw Water</i>				(b) <i>Treated after going into supply</i>			
<i>Bacteriological</i>		<i>Chemical</i>		<i>Bacteriological</i>		<i>Chemical</i>	
<i>Satisfactory</i> —	<i>Unsatisfactory</i> 3	<i>Satisfactory</i> —	<i>Unsatisfactory</i> —	<i>Satisfactory</i> 5	<i>Unsatisfactory</i> —	<i>Satisfactory</i> 3	<i>Unsatisfactory</i> —

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Farrington Gurney/Temple Cloud Sewerage Scheme was still held up, although some progress had been made at the close of the year in that the difficulties over a pumping station site had been resolved and a date fixed in January 1970 for the informal inquiry by a Ministry Inspector. Meanwhile more trouble was experienced in keeping the system at Hillview, Farrington Gurney functioning.

Consulting chemists were engaged to advise on a Central Sludge Drying Plant and to investigate the operational capabilities of the Paulton Plant.

Overloading at the Clutton works is causing increasing concern, and until the sewers in Lippiatt Lane area of Timsbury can be diverted into the Paulton system new building at Farmborough is likely to be restricted.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The weekly collection service throughout the district was maintained by the two 40 cub. yd. Shelvoke & Drewry freighters whose crews were increased from two to three men on each vehicle. Servicing and breakdown problems together with the long operating hours indicate that a third vehicle will be necessary in the fairly near future.

The problem of finding suitable land for controlled tipping was becoming acute, although clearance was in the offing for use of a disused railway cutting at Chilcompton. The Sutton Hill tip would not last much beyond September, 1970.

HOUSING

There were small numbers of unfit houses still to be dealt with in some villages but these are being dealt with as houses become available.

The pace of private enterprise house building has surprisingly been maintained.

Improvement grant applications dropped off slightly pending the Housing Act 1969 but were beginning to flow in again at the end of the year.

Number of dwelling houses in the district	....	....	....	6860
Dwellings owned by the Council	....	....	....	1635
Old People's dwellings owned by the Council	....	....	....	170
Applicants on the Housing list	....	....	....	350
Houses erected during the year by the Council	....	....	....	24
Houses erected by Private Enterprise	....	....	....	216
Houses made fit	....	....	....	51
Houses in course of erection by the Council	....	....	....	26
Houses in course of erection by Private Enterprise	....	....	....	216
Dwellings gained by conversion by Private Enterprise	....	....	....	—
Houses demolished or closed during the year	....	....	....	9
Houses demolished or closed since 1955	....	....	....	624
Unfit houses to be dealt with	....	....	....	34

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Applications for both Discretionary and Standard Improvement Grants were as follows:—

1. Discretionary:

<i>Received</i>		<i>Approved</i>	
<i>Applications</i>	<i>No. of Dwellings</i>	<i>Applications</i>	<i>No. of Dwellings</i>
24	24	24	24

Applications approved in respect of owner/occupiers	....	....	19
Average cost per dwelling	....	....	£3005
Average grant paid by Local Authority	....	....	£550

2. Standard:

Applications received	...	...	...	...	19
Applications approved	.	..	...	....	19

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk:

Two cases of *Brucella Abortus* were investigated.

All bacteriological sampling is carried out by the Somerset County Council.

Ice-Cream:

Ninety-three premises are registered for the sale of ice-cream, all supplies being prepacked.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960

<i>Trade</i>	<i>Total No.</i>	<i>No. complying with Reg. 16</i>	<i>No. under Reg. 19</i>	<i>No. complying with Reg. 19</i>
Butchers	14	14	14	14
Cafes, Canteens, Fish Fryers	14	14	14	14
Bakehouses	4	4	4	4
Licensed Premises	41	41	41	41
Sweets & Confectionery	7	7	7	7
Grocers and General Stores	39	39	39	39

Again informal action was taken in the main to secure improvements in standards of hygiene, but one prosecution under the regulations covering delivery vehicles resulted in fines of £77 being imposed on a bakery firm.

There are no large poultry packing premises but a number of smaller premises have been requested to carry out improvements.

Meat Inspection:

The six slaughterhouses continued to operate and the throughput remained much the same as in previous years. Problems arise from time to time which are mainly dealt with informally, but the Council did prosecute one wholesaler in a case arising from smoking in the slaughterhouse. The case was lost on appeal to Quarter Sessions, the inability of the Meat Inspector to produce corroborative evidence may have had some bearing on this.

	<i>Cattle exclud. cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Horses</i>
Number Killed	2684	2963	152	18,226	13,701	1338
Number inspected	2684	2963	152	18,226	13,701	1338
All diseases except						
Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis:						
Whole carcasses conden.	5	54	17	41	52	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was cond.	345	936	—	661	821	456
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci	13.04	33.4	11.18	3.85	6.37	34.15
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses conden.	—	—	—	—	2	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was cond.	—	—	1	—	37	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	65	—	.28	—
Cysticercosis:						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was cond.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refriger- ation	3	1	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weight of meat condemned (in lbs.) for						
(a) Tuberculosis	—	—	27	—	835	—
(b) Cysticercosis	—	21	—	—	—	—
(c) Other	5027	33,978	744	1703	6204	5185
Total (in lbs.) condemned	5027	53,978	771	1703	7039	5185
TOTAL animals inspected for 1969: 39,064.						

Canned Foods:

The following canned foods were voluntarily surrendered during the year:

Meat and Fish ....	....	....	....	....	....	11 lbs.
Fruit and Vegetables ....	....	....	....	....	....	1,752 lbs.

Poultry Inspections:

(i)	Number of processing premises ...	6
(ii)	Number of visits	16
(iii)	Number of birds processed during year	25,000
(iv)	Types of birds processed—Chicken, Turkeys—mainly chicken	—
(v)	Percentage of birds rejected as unfit	—
(vi)	Weight of birds rejected as unfit	—
(vii)	Comments on processing and inspections: Regular inspections are likely to be commenced in 1970.	

CARAVAN CONTROL AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960

Number of individually licensed caravans	15
Number of licensed caravan sites	—

Thirty-two inspections of existing sites and of proposed individual sites for caravans were made during the year. No serious complaints are noted.

A certain amount of unauthorised tenting and caravanning on the Mendips occurred, and it could be that an authorised site within the district would be advantageous, especially in view of the increasing facilities for recreation at Chew Valley Lake.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Sixty-four inspections were carried out under the above Act and the details are as follows:—

Registrations and General Inspections

<i>Class of Premises (1)</i>	<i>No. of premises newly registered during the year 1969</i>	<i>Total No. of registered premises at end of year</i>	<i>No. of registered premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year</i>
Offices	—	16	6
Retail Shops	1	61	31
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	—	2	1
Catering establish- ments open to the public, canteens	—	4	4
Fuel storage depots	—	3	3
TOTALS:	1	86	45

Informal action to secure improvements was taken in respect of four premises.

CLEAN AIR ACTS

The indiscriminate burning of tyres mentioned in 1968 ceased during the year.

There were no other complaints of note.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT 1960

No action necessary.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

Infestations are dealt with by a Contractor and the service provided has been of a good standard. The main sewers were treated twice during the year for minor infestations.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER 1957

The total number of licensed operators at the end of the year was three, all of whose premises were regularly inspected.

No serious complaints arose.

APPENDIX

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961.

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspection made by Public Health Inspectors).

<i>Premises</i> (1)	<i>Number on Register</i> (2)	<i>Number of</i>		
		<i>Inspections</i> (3)	<i>Written notices</i> (4)	<i>Occupiers prosecuted</i> (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	72	13	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL:	73	13	—	—

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

<i>Particulars</i> (1)	<i>Number of cases in which defects were found</i>				<i>Number of cases in which prosecu- tions were instituted</i> (6)
	<i>Found</i> (2)	<i>Remedied</i> (3)	<i>Referred To H.M. Inspector</i> (4)	<i>By H.M. Inspector</i> (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	3	3	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	3	3	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	2	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL:	6	6	—	2	—

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 133 & 134)

<i>Nature of Work</i> (1)	<i>Section 133</i>			<i>Section 134</i>		
	<i>No of out workers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c)</i> (2)	<i>No. of cases of defaults in sending lists to the Council</i> (3)	<i>No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists</i> (4)	<i>No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises</i> (5)	<i>Notices served</i> (6)	<i>Prosecutions</i> (7)
Wearing } Making apparel } etc.	13	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL:	13	—	—	—	—	—

FROME RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

POPULATION ESTIMATED MID-YEAR 1969	.....	.....	12,360
AREA OF THE DISTRICT	.....	.....	51,933 acres
NUMBER OF HOUSES INHABITED ACCORDING TO RATE BOOKS	.....	.....	3,973
AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSE	.....	.....	3.111
SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE 1969-70	.....	.....	£1,500
RATEABLE VALUE AT 1ST APRIL, 1969	£348,135

<i>Chairman of the Council</i>	E. G. SWANTON, ESQ.
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EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

The figures in parentheses are for 1968.

Live Births:

Number	....	....	....	....	....	....	185	(162)
Rate per 1,000 population	....	....	....	....	....	....	15.0	(13.3)
Birth Rate corrected by comparability factor (1.13)	....	....	....	....	....	....	17.0	(15.02)
Illegitimate Live Births (per cent of total live births)	....	....	....	....	....	....	9	(8.64)

Still Births:

Number	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	(2)
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	(12.19)
Total Live and Still Births	....	....	....	....	....	....	186	(164)
Infant deaths (deaths under 1 year)	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	(2)

Infant Mortality Rates:

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	....	....	....	....	....	....	11	(12.28)
Legitimate deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	(13.51)
Illegitimate deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	....	....	....	....	....	....	63	(—)
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	(6.17)
Early neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	(6.17)
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	....	....	....	....	....	....	11	(18.29)

Maternal Mortality (including abortion):

Number of deaths	....	....	....	....	....	....	—	(—)
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	....	....	....	....	....	....	—	(—)
General death rate per 1,000 estimated average population	....	....	....	....	....	....	10.0	(9.6)
General death rate corrected by comparability factor (1.00)	....	....	....	....	....	....	10.0	(9.5)

DEATHS

The number of deaths adjusted for inward and outward transfers, total 124. Seventy-four Male and Fifty Female.

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CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	All ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS								75 & over
					1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	1
Influenza	F	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Pneumonia	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bronchitis and Emphysema	F	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
	M	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	5
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peptic Ulcer	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Diseases of Digestive System	F	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	F	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Other Accidents	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
TOTAL ALL CAUSES:	M	74	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	7	13	25	26
	F	50	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	13	8	26

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED

<i>Diseases</i>					<i>Total cases notified</i>		<i>Total deaths</i>	
Measles	....	....	....	....	75	(19)	—	(—)
Dysentery	....	....	....	....	6	(1)	—	(—)
Scarlet Fever	....	....	....	....	—	( 3)	—	(—)
Whooping Cough	....	....	....	....	1	(5)	—	(—)
Infective Jaundice	....	....	....	....	5	(—)	—	(—)
Food Poisoning	....	....	....	....	1	(2)	—	(—)
Tuberculosis Respiratory	....	....	....	....	—	( 1)	—	(—)
Tuberculosis Other	....	....	....	....	—	( 1)	1	(—)
Acute Meningitis	....	....	....	....	—	( 2)	—	(—)
TOTAL:					88	(34)	1	(—)

No special comment is called for on the incidence of infectious disease. The death from tuberculosis was of an elderly person with long-standing disease.

The vital statistics show an all round satisfactory level compared with the national averages and indeed with previous years locally.

The number of births exceeded deaths by 61. Over 60 per cent of the deaths were aged 70 and over. Chest diseases constituted only a small percentage of the causes.

REPORT OF

THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

WATER SUPPLIES

Piped Supplies:

During the year a new water main was laid by the Bristol Waterworks Company to Berkley village. The work was completed during the year, and this new supply replaced the unsatisfactory water, both from a quality and quantity point of view, which was provided by a private supply.

This old supply was originally used by one farm and a few cottages, but as the village developed the pipe line was extended little by little until the demand from the village far exceeded the yield of the source.

Negotiations have been taking place with the Bristol Waterworks Company and the Council regarding a supply for the Hemington and Hardington areas. The private supplies to both villages are unsatisfactory, and it now appears that a supply will be laid to the Hemington area but not to Hardington in view of the high cost of laying the mains to this latter village and little return in water rate. It is anticipated that mains water will be available in Hemington in the latter part of 1970.

Piped water supply from the Bristol Waterworks Company's main will be laid to Orchardleigh and Lullington when they have completed the building of the reservoir at Oldford.

The present private water supply to Lullington has been unsatisfactory, and all residents have been warned to boil before using water from this source.

Apart from isolated groups of houses the water supply in the area is satisfactory, and it is most unfortunate that for economic reasons there appears little hope of providing these houses with a satisfactory public water supply. The water revenue derived from these properties makes laying of mains an uneconomic proposition.

There are 4,281 properties in the area of which 3,434 receive water from public mains.

(a) ANALYSIS. Private supplies:

<i>Raw Water</i>	
<i>Bacteriological</i>	
<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>
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The unsatisfactory samples were taken from private supplies at Orchardleigh, Hemington and Hardington.

(b)

The following information on sampling of water within the Frome Rural District has been kindly forwarded to me by the Chief Chemist, Mr. W. Bays:—

BACTERIOLOGICAL RESULTS

<i>Raw Waters</i>	<i>No. of Samples Examined</i>	<i>Average No. of Faecal Coliforms Per 100 ml</i>	<i>Average of Non-Faecal Coliforms Per 100 ml</i>	<i>Colonies on Agar 2 Days at 37° C</i>
Buckland Dinham	11	1	2	3
Norton St. Philip	24	38	55	24
Gaer Hill	25	1.5	2	2
<i>Treated Waters</i>	<i>No. of Samples Examined</i>	<i>No. Free From Faecal Coliforms</i>	<i>No. Free From Non-Faecal Coliforms</i>	<i>% Satisfactory</i>
Buckland Dinham	11	11	11	100
Norton St. Philip	24	24	24	100
West Wilts W.	11	11	1	100
Gaer Hill	25	23	23	92

Unsatisfactory samples at Gaer Hill due to chlorination failure.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

There are main drainage schemes in the following eleven parishes:

Beckington (part only), Coleford, Faulkland, Kilmersdon, Leigh on Mendip, Mells (part only), Norton St. Philip, Nunney, Rode, Upton Noble, and Wanstrow, and the analysis of the effluent, taken during the year, proved generally satisfactory, apart from the sewage works at Mells and Nunney where the effluents are often below standard, in spite of extreme care being exercised in their maintenance.

Very considerable difficulty has been experienced with the labour force and it is becoming more and more difficult to obtain the right type of man to carry out maintenance. For the greater part of the year the works of the district have been maintained by reduced staff, and I see little hope at present of the Council being able to rectify this matter.

Faulkland:

During the year sewers were laid in Faulkland and the domestic sewage was treated at the enlarged Norton St. Philip works. The completion of this scheme was most desirable in view of the heavy pollution that was taking place in the village Pond and water course.

Proposed Sewerage Scheme Trudoxhill and Witham Friary:

Heavy pollution of the water course in the above villages has become a serious menace to the health of the inhabitants and the main drainage scheme was commenced during the year. Sewage from both villages will be pumped into the enlarged works at Nunney.

It is anticipated that this scheme will be completed during 1970.

For many years the effluent from the Nunney works has frequently proved unsatisfactory and well below the required standard. It is hoped that on completion of the modification and enlargement of the works the position will be remedied.

Future Schemes:

(a) Beckington:

The Council's Consultant Engineers are at present engaged in the preparation of a main drainage scheme for the remaining part of Beckington. The drainage from 75 per cent of the village passes via stone droids, untreated, into the brook and then to the river. Obviously, a hazard to health.

(b) Buckland Dinham

Instructions have been given by the Council to the Consultants to prepare a scheme for main drainage at Buckland Dinham.

It is anticipated that the sewage from Buckland Dinham will be pumped via Great Elm to Mells works which will have to be enlarged in order to treat the additional sewage from Buckland Dinham.

It is hoped to increase the size of the works sufficiently to allow for treatment of the additional sewage from Great Elm and the remaining part of the Mells village.

REFUSE

During the year the refuse collection was carried out on a weekly basis in 80 per cent of the area. This includes a weekly collection on all villages. The scheme has been most satisfactory and the work has been carried out by one driver and two loaders.

The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping. A second tip was put into operation at Coleford, thus saving many miles of haulage and as a result no further labour was necessary in the changeover from fortnightly to weekly collection.

Special collections are made on request for bulky refuse and this work is carried out by the Council's second vehicle with a temporary crew of sewage works operatives.

Civil Amenities Act, 1967

The Coleford tip is now being used for the disposal of unwanted vehicles, and so far little difficulty has been experienced regarding the disposal of old vehicles.

CARAVAN AND CAMPING SITES

Number of single caravans licensed	....	....	....	....	4
Number of site licenses issued in respect of more than one caravan	....	....	....	....	1
Number of unlicensed sites in use	....	....	....	....	1

The licensed caravan site situated at Oldford near Frome is extremely well maintained, and at no time have any complaints been received. The owner at all times has given every co-operation.

It is estimated that the number of occupants resident on this site during the year is approximately 60.

The need in the district for at least one non-residential site is becoming more and more urgent. At the present time tourists passing down to the West Country, break their journeys by putting in for the night on laybys and the nuisance caused in the surrounding fields is becoming an intolerable health hazard.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS

The Council do not employ a full time Rodent operator, but this work is carried out by sewage works attendants as they journey around the area. Treatment is carried out forthwith when complaints are received at the office. During the year tests, and treatment, where necessary, have been carried out on the Council's sewage works and refuse tips. Heavy infestation occurred at the Tellisford tip but disinfestation was carried out by the Council's staff.

KNACKERS YARD

There is one Knackers yard in the district, regular inspections are made and at all times the standard of cleanliness is noted to be excellent.

Isolated complaints have been received from nearby residents of a new housing estate, built immediately adjacent to the knackers yard by the Frome Urban District Council.

The odours have arisen when the occupiers of the knackers yard were desludging their settlement tanks.

The Meat (Sterilization) Regulations, 1969

To comply with the above the owners of the knackers yard at The Mount, Frome, installed a steam treatment plant. I have no adverse comments to make regarding the running of this plant.

FOOD

Milk:

Number of registered distributors	....	....	....	....	21
Number of registered dairy premises (other than dairy farms)					7

Ice-Cream:

There are 33 premises in the district registered for the above. The ice cream is all pre-packed and stored in refrigerators.

FOOD HYGIENE

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations:

(i) Number of Premises	....	....	....	....	73
(ii) Number of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 16				....	64
(iii) Number of Premises to which Reg. 19 applies	....			....	44
(iv) Number of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19				....	44

The food premises within the area have caused no complaint, the premises are generally conducted satisfactorily, and only very minor infringements were noted. These have been dealt with informally.

Poultry Processing and Packing Establishments:

Number in the district	....	....	....	....	....	1
Approximate weekly kill	....	....	....	....	....	65,000

Routine inspections are carried out by the establishments own staff and periodical inspections are carried out by the Council's staff.

This packing establishment is well maintained and at all times full co-operation from the management has been experienced.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963:

Number of premises registered under the Act	38
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Inspections are carried out when time is available, and no formal action was found to be necessary.

QUARRIES

During the year my department has received numerous complaints regarding the emission of dust from the quarries within the area, and observations carried out show that the position is becoming steadily worse.

The Quarry Owners are aware of the position and are working in close co-operation with the Alkali Inspector in order to reduce the amount of dust emitted from their plants. This increased amount of dust is, of course, due to the greatly increased output from the quarries within the area, and in view of the vast expansion of road work taking place in the South West, the demand for stone in the future will necessitate further increase in output.

The Quarry Owners are in the process of equipping their plant with efficient dust extractors.

To those people living in the vicinity of the quarries the position is most unfortunate, but I am satisfied that there is no nuisance under the Public Health Act.

I am receiving full co-operation from the quarries, and it is hoped that during 1970 all the quarry plants will be provided with satisfactory dust emission plants. Even so, within the vicinity of the quarries, in my opinion, there is bound to be dust at times, but every endeavour is being made to reduce the dust emission to a minimum.

HOUSING

Applications for Council Houses/Bungalows:

At the end of the year there were 203 applications for Council houses and 47 applications for Old People's dwellings. Many of the existing three bedroomed Council houses are occupied by couples and even single individuals. If these could be persuaded to occupy bungalows, families could then be re-housed and thus reduce the number of new houses needed in the area.

During the year 25 tenants were selected for Council houses which became void, and 6 bungalows became void and new tenants were selected.

New Council Houses:

During the year 6 bungalows were completed at Trudoxhill, 7 at Faulkland and 4 houses at Coleford.

Private Houses Erected:

During the year 68 dwellings were erected and completed by Private Enterprise.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Number of applications dealt with by the Local Authority during the year:—

	<i>Up to August 1969</i>		<i>After August 1969</i>	
	<i>Received</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Approved</i>
1. Improvement Grants	16	11	17	13
2. Standard Grants	37	34	9	8
3. Special Grants	—	—	—	—

The total number of grants approved by the Council up to the end of the year was as follows:—

Discretionary:

	<i>No.</i>	<i>Total Cost</i> £
Approved	495	164,325
Completed	450	143,655
In progress	45	20,670

Standard:

	<i>No.</i>	<i>Total Cost</i> £
Approved	189	
Completed	131	20,006
In progress	58	

HOUSING

During the year three Demolition Orders and three Closing Orders were placed on cottages in the district.

Apart from the parish of Coleford, where it is anticipated that approximately twenty houses will be dealt with, the remaining parishes have only isolated cases where dwellings will be subject of Orders under the Housing Acts.

It is anticipated that these will be dealt with in 1970.

When a house becomes the subject of an Order, and this becomes known to the public, there are immediate enquiries from private individuals begging to be allowed to re-condition the property, if they purchase same. The Council give every consideration to re-conditioning of such property provided the site is suitable and the dwelling is not subject to constant flooding.

The standard of housing in the area is exceedingly high, and the repairs sections of the Housing Act are now carried out by informal action.

Very many of the dwellings are owner/occupied and the attitude of the landlords to the question of repairs has changed over the years. Now, it is generally found that an informal letter and a visit with the landlord results in an early remedy of the defects in the house.

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		<i>Inspections</i> (3)	<i>Written notices</i> (4)	<i>Occupiers prosecuted</i> (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	—	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	27	39	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL:	27	39	—	—

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

<i>Particulars</i> (1)	<i>Number of cases in which defects were found</i>				<i>Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted</i> (6)
	<i>Found</i> (2)	<i>Remedied</i> (3)	<i>Referred To H.M. Inspector</i> (4)	<i>By H.M. Inspector</i> (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	4	4	—	1	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	1	1	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—

<i>Particulars</i> (1)	<i>Number of cases in which defects were found</i>				<i>Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted</i> (6)
	<i>Found</i> (2)	<i>Remedied</i> (3)	<i>Referred To H.M. Inspector</i> (4)	<i>By H.M. Inspector</i> (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	1	1	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	2	2	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	4	—	2	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL:	12	12	—	3	—

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

<i>Nature of Work</i> (1)	<i>Section 133</i>			<i>Section 134</i>		
	<i>No of out workers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c)</i> (2)	<i>No. of cases of defaults in sending lists to the Council</i> (3)	<i>No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists</i> (4)	<i>No. of instances of work in un-wholesome premises</i> (5)	<i>Notices served</i> (6)	<i>Prosecutions</i> (7)
Wearing } Making apparel } etc.	20	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL:	20	—	—	—	—	—

FROME URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

POPULATION	12,600
AREA OF THE DISTRICT	1,194 acres
NUMBER OF HOUSES INHABITED ACCORDING TO THE RATE BOOK	4,447
AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSE	2.69
SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE AS AT 1ST APRIL, 1969	£1,890
RATEABLE VALUE AS AT 1ST APRIL, 1969	£465,974

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EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

The figures in parentheses are for 1968.

Live Births:

Number	....	....	....	....	....	....	274	(260)
Rate per 1,000 population	....	....	....	....	....	....	21.7	(20.8)
Birth Rate corrected by comparability factor (1.09)	....	....	....	....	....	....	23.7	(22.67)
Illegitimate Live Births (per cent of total live births)	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	(4.23)

Still Births:

Number	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	(9)
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	....	....	....	....	....	....	18	(33.5)
Total Live and Still Births	....	....	....	....	....	....	279	(269)
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	(1)

Infant Mortality Rates:

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	....	....	....	....	....	....	26	(4)
Legitimate deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	....	....	....	....	....	....	28	(4.02)
Illegitimate deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	....	....	....	....	....	....	—	(—)
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	....	....	....	....	....	....	15	(3.85)
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	....	....	....	....	....	....	15	(3.85)
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	....	....	....	....	....	....	32	(37.17)

Maternal Mortality (including abortion):

Number of deaths	....	....	....	....	....	....	—	(—)
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	....	....	....	....	....	....	—	(—)
General death rate per 1,000 estimated average population	....	....	....	....	....	....	16.6	(14.2)
General death rate corrected by comparability factor (0.74)	....	....	....	....	....	....	12.3	(10.37)

DEATHS

The number of deaths, adjusted for inward and outward transfers, total 209. One Hundred and Thirteen Male and Ninety-six Females. The following Table indicates the cause of death.

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	All ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS										
					1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 & over		
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity, etc.	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Leukaemia	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Diabetes Mellitus	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Anaemias	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Meningitis	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Other Diseases of Nervous System, Etc.	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hypertensive Disease	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—

	M	F	Total	% M	% F
Ischaemic Heart Disease	40	22	62	64.5	35.5
Other Forms of Heart Disease	3	7	10	30	70
Cerebrovascular Disease	18	20	38	47.4	52.6
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	4	6	10	40	60
Influenza	1	1	2	50	50
Pneumonia	9	7	16	56.3	43.7
Bronchitis and Emphysema	4	—	4	100	0
Peptic Ulcer	2	—	2	100	0
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	—	1	100	0
Other Diseases of Digestive System	2	—	2	100	0
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	—	1	100	0
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	—	1	100	0
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	—	1	100	0
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1	—	1	100	0
Congenital Anomalies	5	1	6	83.3	16.7
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	—	1	1	0	100
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	—	1	1	0	100
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	—	3	100	0
All Other Accidents	2	—	2	100	0
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries ...	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ALL CAUSES:	113	96	209	53.9	46.1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED

<i>Diseases</i>	<i>Total cases notified</i>		<i>Total deaths</i>	
Measles	21	(6)	—	(—)
Dysentery	—	(1)	—	(—)
Whooping Cough	—	(2)	—	(—)
TOTAL:	21	(9)	—	(—)

Unlike the national tendency, the Frome Urban birth rate has gone up, being the highest for five years. It is more than likely that the extensive housing development, council and private, encourages young couples to settle in the town.

Frome also has a large elderly population. Half the deaths were of persons aged 75 years and over, the sexes being equally divided. Sixty per cent of deaths were due to heart and circulatory disease, and a little over 10 per cent to cancer. The number of births exceeded deaths by 65.

Infectious disease notifications were, again, minimal.

THE HEALTH CENTRE

The new Health Centre in Park Road, opened in April, to replace the old prefabricated premises in Cork Street. The Centre co-ordinates all the health services in the area, general practitioners and local health authority, and when fully established will provide an unparalleled service for the area residents.

In addition to the daily surgeries run by general practitioners, the following special sessions take place weekly:—

Monday	9.0—3.0	
	By appointment	Speech Therapist
	2.0—4.0	Ante Natal Clinic
		Parentcraft & Relaxation Exercises
	6.30—8.0	Family Planning (4th)
Tuesday	Mornings only	
	By appointment	Child Guidance
	All day	
	By appointment	Teacher of the Deaf
	All day	
	By appointment	Immunisation Clinic (4th)
Wednesday	9.0—11.30	Developmental Examinations (Pre-
	12.30—1.30	school)
	By appointment	Marriage Guidance
	1.30—2.30	Child Guidance
	7.45	Mothers' Club (last Wednesday)
		Welfare & Proprietary Foods

Thursday	9.0—1.0	Orthopaedic Clinic
	By appointment	
	10.0—1.0	Orthopaedic Surgcon (2nd)
	2.0—4.0	„ „
	By appointment	
	6.30—8.0	Family Planning (1st and 3rd)
Friday	9.0—2.0	Ophthalmologist's Clinic

Other: Dental Clinics by appointment.

Attendances at Frome Child Health Clinics, 1969:

January	....	....	....	389
February	....	....	....	265
March	....	....	....	330
April	....	....	....	311
Transfer to Health Centre.				
May	....	....	....	507
June	....	....	....	358
July	387
August	459
September	330
October	406
November	314
December	160
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Attendances for 1968	3889
Total on books at the beginning of year	589
Total on books at the end of the year	736
Toddlers' Clinic	....	....	....	....	....	315

REPORT OF CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH & HOUSING OFFICER HOUSING

Houses erected post war by Local Authority	....	....	....	1179
Houses erected post war by private enterprise	....	....	....	715
Houses erected by Local Authority during 1969	....	....	....	21
Houses erected by private enterprise during 1969	....	....	....	63
Houses demolished or closed (Section 17 Housing Act 1957)	....	....	....	Nil
Houses demolished or closed (Section 42 Housing Act 1957)	....	....	....	36
Number of applicants on the Housing List	....	....	....	262
Improvement Grants	....	....	....	13
Standard Grants	....	....	....	20

Old Persons' Bungalows:

With the completion of 24 old persons' bungalows at Green Lanc, the number of such bungalows was brought up to 109 out of a total of 1336 dwellings owned by the Council.

Public Health Inspection:

During the year the following visits were made:

Public Health Inspections (Including Meat & Food)	....	....	1317
Housing (Including Council House Inspections)	....	....	1762
Total visits of all kinds	....	....	4701

Rodent Control:

During the year 1548 properties were inspected, and several sewer treatments were carried out. No particular difficulties were encountered.

Sewerage and Sewage disposal:

The town's sewage disposal plant having become seriously overloaded, works of enlargement and improvement were started in August. This first phase of the works should ensure the plant can handle the sewage from a population of 17,000.

SUPERVISION AND INSPECTION OF FOOD

Milk Supply:

There are four registered distributors, from whom Somerset County Council took 24 samples which were all satisfactory.

Ice-Cream:

There are sixty-three registered premises. There is one factory, which continues to maintain a very high standard of cleanliness.

Slaughterhouse:

Throughput increased by 244 cattle units over the previous year. A 100 per cent inspection of the animals slaughtered was achieved.

Water Supply:

There are two sources of supply, Old Ford and Egford. The Old Ford source supplies the northern area of the town, Egford the rest. The Bristol Waterworks Company owns and distributes the supplies. The natural fluoride content of the Frome Supply is 0.05 p.p.m.

No action had to be taken in respect of any form of contamination during the year.

Factories Act 1937-61:

There were eighty-nine factories on the Council's Register as at 31st December, 1969, an increase of three over the previous year.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

No special difficulties were encountered. Employers readily co-operated in securing compliance with statutory requirements.

The table below shows details of inspections:

<i>Class of premises</i>	<i>Number of registered premises at end of year</i>	<i>Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection</i>
Offices	50	12
Retail Shops	124	59
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	5	2
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	14	11
Fuel Storage Depots	1	Nil
	<hr/> 194	<hr/> 84

Total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises under the Act: 169.

Food Premises subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

	<i>No. of Premises</i>	<i>comply- ing with Reg. 16</i>	<i>No. to which Reg. 19 applies</i>	<i>No. comply- ing with Reg. 19</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Bakers and Cake Shops	11	11	11	11	
Butchers	16	16	16	16	
Cafes and Restaurants	21	21	21	21	These include 3 Hotels with non- resident dining facilities
Confectioners	28	28	7	7	
Dairies	2	2	2	2	
Fishmongers	3	3	3	3	
Fish & Chip Shops	9	9	9	9	
Factory Canteens	11	11	11	11	
Grocers	37	37	37	37	
Greengrocers	16	16	16	16	
Guest houses & Residential Hotels	9	9	9	9	
Licensed Premises ...	30	30	30	30	
Slaughterhouses	1	1	1	1	The Bacon factory remained closed during the year
TOTAL:	194	194	173	173	

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part during the year:

	<i>Cattle exclud. Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Horses</i>
Number killed ...	748	4	19	1273	1753	—
Number inspected	748	4	19	1273	1753	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:						
Whole carcasses cond.	1	2	2	11	29	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was cond.	103	—	1	107	74	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and cysti- cerci	14 %	50 %	50 %	8.5 %	4.25 %	—
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses cond.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was conden.	—	—	—	—	5	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	0.3 %	—
Cysticercosis:						
Carcases of which some organ or part was conden.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigera- tion	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weight of meat condemned (in lbs.) for:						
(a) Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	50	—
(b) Cysticercosis	—	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Other	1923	911	202	672	2202	—
Total (in lbs.) condemned	1923	911	202	672	2202	Nil

APPENDIX

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961.

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

<i>Premises</i> (1)	<i>Number on Register</i> (2)	<i>Number of</i>		
		<i>Inspections</i> (3)	<i>Written notices</i> (4)	<i>Occupiers prosecuted</i> (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	6	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	80	47	1	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	5	5	—	—
TOTAL:	92	58	1	—

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found:—

<i>Particulars</i> (1)	<i>Number of cases in which defects were found</i>				<i>Number of cases in which prosecu- tions were instituted</i> (6)
	<i>Found</i> (2)	<i>Remedied</i> (3)	<i>Referred To H.M. Inspector</i> (4)	<i>By H.M. Inspector</i> (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	4	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL:	4	4	—	—	—

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

<i>Nature of Work</i> (1)	<i>Section 133</i>			<i>Section 134</i>		
	<i>No of out workers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c)</i> (2)	<i>No. of cases of defaults in sending lists to the Council</i> (3)	<i>No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists</i> (4)	<i>No. of instances of work in un-wholesome premises</i> (5)	<i>Notices served</i> (6)	<i>Prosecutions</i> (7)
Wearing } Making apparel } etc.	7	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL:	7	—	—	—	—	—

KEYNSHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

POPULATION ESTIMATED MID-YEAR 1969	.....	.....	18,670
AREA OF THE DISTRICT	.....	.....	4,171 acres
NUMBER OF HOUSES INHABITED ACCORDING TO RATE BOOKS, 1969	.....	.....	6,179
AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSE	.....	.....	3.02
SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE, 1969-70	£3,522
RATEABLE VALUE, APRIL 1969	£878,363

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EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

The figures in parentheses are for 1968.

Live Births:

Number	....	....	....	....	....	....	274	(229)
Rate per 1,000 population	....	....	....	....	....	....	14.7	(12.8)
Birth Rate corrected by comparability factor (0.91)	....	....	....	....	....	....	13.4	(11.65)
Illegitimate Live Births (per cent of total live births)	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	(4.8)

Still Births:

Number	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	(3)
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	....	....	....	....	....	....	21	(12.93)
Total Live and Still Births	....	....	....	....	....	....	280	(232)
Infant deaths (deaths under 1 year)	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	(3)

Infant Mortality Rates:

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	(13)
Legitimate deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	(9.17)
Illegitimate deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	....	....	....	....	....	....	77	(90.9)
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	(8.73)
Early neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	(4.37)
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	....	....	....	....	....	....	29	(17.24)

Maternal Mortality (including abortion):

Number of deaths	....	....	....	....	....	....	—	(—)
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	....	....	....	....	....	....	—	(—)
General death rate per 1,000 estimated average population	....	....	....	....	....	....	10.4	(9.5)
General death rate corrected by comparability factor (1.09)	....	....	....	....	....	....	11.3	(10.64)

DEATHS

The number of deaths, adjusted for inward and outward transfers, total 194, Ninety-six Males and Ninety-eight Females. The following Table indicates the cause of death.

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	All ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS								65-74	75 & over
					1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74		
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
	F	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	2	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	2	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Leukaemia	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Malignant Neoplasms	F	2	—	—	1	1	1	—	1	—	2	1	—	3
	M	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diabetes Mellitus	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2
	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Anaemias	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	1
Hypertensive Disease	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ischaemic Heart Disease	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	1
	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Forms of Heart Disease	F	28	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	6	6	13	16
	M	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—
	F	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	All ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS										
					1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 & over		
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	4	75 & over
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	F	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	6	17	
Influenza	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	
	F	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	
Pneumonia	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	3	
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	M	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	4	
	F	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	
Cirrhosis of Liver	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	
Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	
Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Congenital Anomalies	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	M	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
All Other Accidents	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
TOTAL ALL CAUSES:	M	96	—	—	3	—	1	—	3	7	21	27	34		
	F	98	2	—	—	1	—	—	2	7	10	22	53		

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED

<i>Disease</i>						<i>Total cases notified</i>		<i>Total deaths</i>	
Measles	....	....	....	....	....	28	(35)	—	(—)
Dysentery	....	....	....	....	....	1	(—)	—	(—)
Scarlet Fever	....	....	....	....	....	2	(—)	—	(—)
Whooping Cough	....	....	....	....	....	1	(8)	—	(—)
Infective Jaundice	....	....	....	....	....	3	(1)	—	(—)
Acute Meningitis	....	....	....	....	....	3	(—)	—	(—)
Food Poisoning	....	....	....	....	....	3	(—)	—	(—)
TOTAL:						41	(44)	—	(—)

The foregoing statistics again record a most satisfactory level of health in the district. The birth rate is substantially up on last year, and although the death rate shows an increase, this is to a much less degree, the number of births exceeding deaths by 80 (i.e. 21 more than in the previous year). Almost half the deaths were aged 75 years and over.

Of the infectious diseases the only unusual incidence was the three cases of meningitis, all unrelated, and indeed of different causation. All recovered without ill effects.

KEYNSHAM CLINIC

The following details of services provided at the Park Road Clinic by Somerset County Council and the various voluntary bodies are included for information. The invaluable help of the voluntary organisations is greatly appreciated.

(1) Weekly:

Monday	2.30—4.0	Mothers' Club
	6.30—8.30	Mothercraft and Relaxation
Tuesday	9.30—12.30	Orthopaedic Sister (3rd)
	2.0—4.0	Family Planning (2nd & 4th)
Wednesday	9.30—12.30	Speech Therapist
	2.0—4.0	Infant Welfare Clinic
	6.30—9.0	Family Planning (by appointment)
Thursday	9.30—12.30	Speech Therapist
		Hearing Assessment (by appointment)
	1.30—3.30	Ante-Natal Clinic
Friday	10.30—11.30	Infant Welfare Clinic

(2) Other:

Dental Clinic held daily by appointment.
School Clinics, 2nd Wednesday, 9.30—12.0 by appointment.

Vaccination and Immunisation Clinics take place once a month by arrangement.

The British Red Cross Society administer, on behalf of the Somerset County Council Welfare Committee, a chiropody clinic for the elderly and handicapped as follows:

9.0—12.0 Wednesday
1.30—3.30 Friday

Child Health Clinic Attendances:

Park Road:

January	....	....	....	339
February	..	..	..	222
March	....	..	..	253
April	....	....	....	305
May	....	....	....	370
June	....	....	....	349
July	....	..	....	423
August	....	....	....	335
September	..	....	....	401
October	....	....	....	462
November	..	....	....	304
December	..	....	....	225
				3988

Attendances for 1968	....	....	....	....	2985
Total on the books at the beginning of the year					857
Total on the books at the end of the year	....	....	....	....	891

Chandag Centre:

At the request of mothers of young children living in the Chandag area, a Clinic was set up in a prefabricated building behind number 9, Wellsway. The first session was held on 16th September, 1969, and these now take place on the first and third Tuesdays from 2.0 to 3.30 p.m.

Attendances at Chandag Clinic:—

September	11
October	8
November	23
December	16

Saltford:

Sessions are held every Thursday from 2.30 to 4.30 with a doctor in attendance on 2nd and 4th Thursdays.

January	194
February	118
March	121
April	99
May	148
June	118
July	121
August	108
September	104
October	144
November	123
December	58

1456

Attendances for 1968	1625
Total on books at the beginning of the year	189
Total on books at the end of the year	134

KEYNSHAM DAY NURSERY

The Nursery continues to provide daily care for children under five years, in special circumstances.

A few handicapped children were cared for throughout the year for the benefit of their development.

Forty children were in attendance at the end of the year, five of them under two years of age.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

WATER SUPPLY

The total rainfall for the year as recorded at the Council Depot, Unity Road, Keynsham, was 24.23 inches which was well below average.

The whole of the Urban District is within the area of supply of the Bristol Waterworks Company and with the exception of minor main extensions to new housing estates. No changes have occurred.

There has been no deficiency in quality or quantity and frequent bacteriological examination has revealed no evidence of contamination. Chemical analysis indicated that the water was moderately soft, slightly alkaline with no plumbo-solvent action.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

No major works of extension or maintenance on the sewerage and sewage disposal systems have been undertaken during the year.

The majority of the sewage from the district passes through the treatment works at Unity Road. Regular samples of the effluent have been examined by the Public Analyst and the reports indicated that treatment processes were satisfactory.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Circumstances throughout the district have remained fairly static during the year and no adjustments of refuse collection routine has been necessary. The weekly collections from domestic properties and twice weekly from shopping areas has been maintained by two collecting vehicles and nine men.

The supplementary collections for furniture and other bulky items continues to provide a service which appears to be necessary as nearly 1,000 calls were made during the year. About 30 1½ cu. yd. bulk refuse containers were supplied to shops and business concerns in the district and these provide an improved method for the storage and removal of their refuse.

Unfortunately the major problem of refuse disposal remains. At the end of the year the negotiations with adjoining authorities for a joint scheme appeared to have reached an impasse with no prospect of a long term solution for this district.

HOUSING

Dwelling houses in the district	....	....	....	....	6179
Dwelling houses owned by the Council	....	....	....	....	1792
Prefabs	....	....	....	....	8
Houses listed as unfit for habitation and for action individually or by Clearance Orders	....	....	....	....	Nil
Houses demolished or closed during the year	....	....	....	....	25
Houses made fit by owners	....	....	....	....	4
Houses erected by the Council	....	....	....	....	47
Houses erected by Private Enterprise	....	....	....	....	248
Houses in course of erection by the Council	....	....	....	....	Nil
Houses in course of erection by Private Enterprise	....	....	....	....	50
Old People's dwellings erected by the Council up to the end of the year	....	....	....	....	206
Applicants for Council Houses at end of year	....	....	....	....	376

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS MADE UNDER THE HOUSING ACT, 1949-54

Improvement Grants:

Applications approved in respect of dwellings	....	....	....	....	3
From Owner/Occupiers	....	....	....	....	3

Standard Grants:

Applications received	....	....	....	....	2
Applications approved	....	....	....	....	2
Applications approved in respect of Owner/Occupiers	....	....	....	....	2
Number of houses where standard amenities have been provided	....	....	....	....	80

No action was considered for declaring Improvement Areas under the provisions of the Housing Act, 1964. A review of the situation under the provisions of the 1969 Act has been commenced.

Housing Act, 1961 (Houses in Multiple Occupation):

As a result of routine inspections concerning houses in multiple occupation no formal action was found necessary.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS

Total number of inspections for all purposes	....	....	....	....	1512
Houses inspected (including Council Houses)	....	....	....	....	376
Statutory notices issued	....	....	....	....	1
Informal notices issued	....	....	....	....	10
Informal notices complied with	....	....	....	....	10
Infectious disease enquiries	....	....	....	....	8
Enquiries concerning suspected food poisoning	....	....	....	....	15

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Total number of food premises subject to provisions of Food Hygiene Regulations 1960: 101

These comprise the following trades:

	<i>Total No.</i>	<i>No. complying with Reg. 16</i>	<i>No. under Reg. 19</i>	<i>No. complying with Reg. 19</i>
Retail butcher incl. butchery				
Depts. of multiple shops	11	11	10	10
Other retail food shops	40	40	30	30
Cafes and canteens (including schools)	22	22	22	22
Bakehouses	2	2	2	2
Chocolate manufacture	1	1	1	1
Pickle manufacture	1	1	1	1
Sugar packing	1	1	—	—
Wholesale warehouses	3	2	—	—
Licensed premises	20	20	18	18

210 visits of inspection were made during the year including visits made jointly for purposes of other shops legislation.

(b) Total number of premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955: 41.

These comprise: (1) Ice-cream storage and sale 33
(2) Sausage manufacture and preserved food
manufacture 8

There are no licensed slaughter houses nor knackers' yards within the Urban District.

(c) Food surrendered as unfit for human consumption:

Fresh meat	1091 lbs.
Frozen poultry	708 lbs.
Canned and frozen meat and meat products	661 packs/tins
Frozen fish	847 packs/tins
Frozen fruit and vegetables	1967 packs/tins
Miscellaneous frozen and pre-packed foods	392 packs/tins

Remarkably few complaints have been received from members of the public during the year concerning unsatisfactory or unsound food. In no case was the complainant prepared to support any formal action or make formal statements. Every complaint was referred to the supplier or producer in the case of pre-packed foods for appropriate action.

(d) Milk Supply:

All milk sold in the district is designated and samples taken by Somerset County Council indicate that a satisfactory standard has been maintained.

There are 7 Registered Distributors of milk and 7 Registered Dairy premises (other than farms) in the district.

No case of brucella abortus has been reported, and no samples of raw milk have been taken by U.D.C. Officers.

(c) Bakehouses:

Two bakehouses remain in regular use and have been satisfactorily maintained.

(f) Ice-Cream:

33 premises were registered for the sale of ice-cream and all inspected were found satisfactory. There were no premises registered for manufacture other than the production of soft ice-creams by continuous freezers. No adverse reports on samples were received.

(g) Poultry Inspection:

There are now no wholesale poultry processing establishments in the district.

RODENT CONTROL

Total number of visits of inspection	....	....	....	....	341
Number of properties found infested	....	....	....	....	324
Treatments carried out by operator	....	....	....	....	308

Council properties, including sewers, refuse tips and river banks in Council ownership have been surveyed from time to time and treated where evidence of rodents was found.

No major infestation has been found and no formal action has been necessary to deal with infestation.

CARAVAN SITES

There has been no change or extension of caravan sites during the year, and at the end of the year the position was as follows:

Number of individual caravans	....	....	....	....	2
Number of licensed caravan sites	....	....	....	....	3
Total number of caravans on sites	....	....	....	....	53

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

No formal action was taken under the provisions of this Act due mainly to the difficulty of obtaining clear-cut evidence on which to build a case. Nevertheless, every case noted or reported was investigated.

This is one subject among many with which public health officers are concerned, and upon which attention is likely to be focused as investigation into pollution of the environment in all its forms gathers momentum nationally.

CLEAN AIR

As with the previous subject, no formal action was found necessary to enforce provisions of the Clean Air Act 1956. In two cases advice was sought concerning the siting and design of chimneys and the recommendations made by your officers were accepted.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Registrations and General Inspections:

<i>Class of premises</i>	<i>No. of premises registered during the year</i>	<i>Total No. of registered premises at end of year</i>	<i>No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year</i>
Offices	1	38	25
Retail Shops	4	101	62
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	3	7	3
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens ...	1	4	4
Fuel Storage Depots	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTALS:	9	150	94

Number of Visits of all kinds to Registered Premises: 262.

Analysis of Persons employed in Registered Premises by Workplace:

Offices	258
Retail Shops	384
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	39
Catering Establishments Open to the Public	34
Canteens	—
Fuel Storage Depots	—
TOTAL:	715
TOTAL MALES:	322
TOTAL FEMALES:	393

Exemptions: No exemption granted to any premises.

Prosecutions: No prosecutions undertaken.

Inspectors:

Number of inspectors appointed under Section 52 (1) or (5) of the								
Act	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
Other Staff employed in connection with the Act								1

MISCELLANEOUS

One shop is licensed under the Pet Animals Act 1951 and has been found well maintained.

One operator is licensed under the provisions of the Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order 1957.

There are no premises registered under the Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

There were 51 premises on the register of factories at the end of the year. Periodic inspections revealed few defects and no formal action was found necessary.

APPENDIX

FACTORIES ACT 1961

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

<i>Premises</i> (1)	<i>Number on Register</i> (2)	<i>Number of</i>		
		<i>Inspections</i> (3)	<i>Written notices</i> (4)	<i>Occupiers prosecuted</i> (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	40	22	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	10	21	—	—
TOTAL:	51	43	—	—

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

<i>Particulars</i> (1)	<i>Number of cases in which defects were found</i>				<i>Number of cases in which prosecu- tions were instituted</i> (6)
	<i>Found</i> (2)	<i>Remedied</i> (3)	<i>Referred To H.M. Inspector</i> (4)	<i>By H.M. Inspector</i> (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	1	1	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—

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	<i>Found</i> (2)	<i>Remedied</i> (3)	<i>Referred To H.M. Inspector</i> (4)	<i>By H.M. Inspector</i> (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL:	2	2	—	—	—

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

No Outworkers notified.

NORTON RADSTOCK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

POPULATION ESTIMATED MID-YEAR 1969	.....	.....	14,540
AREA OF THE DISTRICT	.....	.....	3,370 acres
NUMBER OF HOUSES INHABITED ACCORDING TO RATE BOOK 1969	.....	.....	5,238
AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSE	.....	.....	2.77
SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE 1969-70	£1,930
RATEABLE VALUE APRIL 1969	£476,720

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<i>Chairman of the Public Health and Housing Committee</i>	A. C. EVERARD, ESQ.
<i>Chief Public Health Inspector and Housing Officer</i>	R. H. HOWARD, M.R.S.H. M.A.P.H.I.
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EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

The figures in parentheses are for 1968.

Live Births:

Number	....	....	....	....	....	277	(266)
Rate per 1,000 population	....	....	....	....	....	19.1	(18.4)
Birth Rate corrected by comparability factor (1.03)	....	....	....	....	....	19.7	(18.95)
Illegitimate Live Births (per cent of total live births)	....	....	....	....	....	4	(4.9)

Still Births:

Number	....	....	....	....	....	3	(5)
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	....	....	....	....	....	11	(18.45)
Total Live and Still Births	....	....	....	....	....	280	(271)
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	....	....	....	....	....	2	(3)

Infant Mortality Rates:

Total deaths per 1,000 total live births	....	....	....	....	....	7	(11.28)
Legitimate deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	....	....	....	....	....	7	(11.86)
Illegitimate deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	....	....	....	....	....	—	(—)
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	....	....	....	....	....	7	(3.76)
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	....	....	....	....	....	4	(3.76)
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	....	....	....	....	....	14	(22.14)

Maternal Mortality (including abortion):

Number of deaths	....	....	....	....	....	—	(—)
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	....	....	....	....	....	—	(—)
General death rate per 1,000 estimated average population	9.8	(11.5)
General death rate corrected by comparability factor (1.03)	10.1	(11.39)

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CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	All ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS									
					1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 & over	
Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
	F	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3
	F	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	10	10
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4
	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Influenza	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Pneumonia	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	1
	F	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Asthma	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, Etc.	M	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	M	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ALL CAUSES:	M	77	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	4	11	31	27	27
	F	65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	8	13	39	39

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED

<i>Disease</i>	<i>Total cases notified</i>	<i>Total deaths</i>
Measles	145 (81)	— (—)
Scarlet Fever	3 (2)	— (—)
Dysentery	31 (—)	— (—)
Whooping cough	1 (2)	— (—)
Infective Jaundice	1 (—)	— (—)
Tuberculosis Respiratory	— (—)	1 (1)
„ Other	— (—)	1 (—)
Acute Meningitis	1 (—)	— (—)
Food Poisoning	8 (—)	— (—)
TOTAL:	190 (85)	2 (1)

In the late spring and early summer there was an outbreak of Sonne Dysentery, affecting mainly children in the Mid-Norton area. It was kept well under control and at no stage was it necessary to close a school.

The food poisoning cases were fortunately confined to individual families or persons.

The two deaths from tuberculosis were of elderly persons with chronic disease.

The vital statistics show the birth rate to be, again, higher than the previous year, and well above the national average. The infant death and general death rates were also favourable, being considerably below that for the country as a whole. One half of the deaths were of persons of 70 years or over, and less than one-tenth were under 65 years. Unfortunately lung cancer deaths (10) were the highest for five years. Other chest diseases were no higher than in other districts in the Area.

NORTON-RADSTOCK CLINICS

At the close of the year the following sessions were being held at the various centres:—

Leigh House:

Monday	Morning & Afternoon	Orthopaedic Clinic Child Guidance Clinic
Tuesday	Morning & Afternoon Evening	County Oculist (3rd) Orthopaedic Surgeon (Monthly) Family Planning Clinic (2nd & 4th)
Thursday	Morning Afternoon	County Oculist and Speech Therapist " " " "
Friday	Morning	Speech Therapist
Dentist:	Daily including Saturday morning.	

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

Radstock:

Hope House Surgery: A Clinic is now held at Hope House Surgery on 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 2.0 to 4.0 p.m. with the General Practitioners in attendance.

Westfield: A Clinic is held at the Church Hall on 1st and 3rd Friday afternoons.

Mid-Norton:

St. Chad's Surgery: A Clinic is held by the General Practitioners of this practice each month on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays and 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 2.0 to 3.30 p.m.

Methodist Hall: A similar Clinic is held for patients other than those belonging to St. Chad's, on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 2.0 to 4.0 p.m.

Chiropody:

The British Red Cross Society administer a Chiropody Clinic at the Red Cross Hall, Rackvernal Road, Midsomer Norton.

Three Clinics are held every month: on the first Tuesday and 2nd and 4th Monday.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR & HOUSING OFFICER

WATER SUPPLY

The Bristol Water Supply Co., are the statutory water undertakers within the urban district and have provided and maintained a satisfactory supply of water for domestic users both in quality and sufficient quantity during the year under review.

There remains only one isolated rural property on the fringe of the urban boundary dependent on a private well supply for domestic water.

Consultations are in hand with the owner and the water undertakers with a view to installing a mains supply, and so remove the last well supply from the district.

There are now no dwelling houses supplied with domestic water from external standpipes. A piped supply over an internal sink is provided in all dwellings with the exception of one well supply as stated.

The following statistics are supplied by the courtesy of the Bristol Water Supply Co.

Treated Water:

Source of Supply:				% Satisfactory
Stowey	92 samples eamined	....	....	100%
Downhead	25 samples examined	....	....	100%
Gurney Slade	24 samples examined	....	....	100%

Distribution System:

58 samples were taken and all were reported as bacteriologically satisfactory.

Chemical Analyses from source:

							Fluoride Content
Stowey	....	....	....	....	....	....	0.12
Downhead	....	....	....	....	....	....	0.60
Gurney Slade	....	....	....	....	....	....	0.02

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The construction of the new Radstock Sewage Disposal Works at a total cost of £292,500 continued during the year, together with new main trunk sewers. The completion date is expected to be in advance of the programmed two years and will allow the works to be in operation during the middle of 1970.

Future proposals under consideration are the increase of main sewer capacities in the drainage area of Midsomer Norton brought about by the development of the area. The estimated cost of providing and enlarging certain main sewers is estimated at £70,000.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The public cleansing service provides a weekly refuse bin collection from all properties carried out by two modern Compression Freightors, with a third vehicle maintained for any breakdown and emergency.

No salvage is collected, the trade refuse scheme being operated according to the demands of commercial premises, the actual cost of collection being charged. The new controlled tip at Waterside, Midsomer Norton continued to operate. Problems were encountered of heavy accumulations of surface water during the winter months becoming contaminated through contact with the tipped refuse. This, in turn, threatened pollution of an adjoining stream, and involved chlorination and other associated works in consultation with the Bristol Avon River Board to prevent pollution.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT, 1967

The enclosed compound at Midsomer Norton maintained to receive abandoned vehicles removed by the Local Authority, together with cars and other bulky articles voluntarily disposed of by the public, provides to date an adequate service to meet the requirements of the Civic Amenities Act.

The problem still exists despite the provisions made, of many persons resorting to surreptitious methods of disposal, evidence of which is being continually seen to the detriment of the district.

HOUSING

Number of permanent dwellings in the district	....	....	....	5179
Council owned dwellings	....	....	....	1413
Privately owned	....	....	....	3766
Houses erected by private enterprise 1969	....	....	....	105
Houses erected by Local Authority 1969	....	....	....	41
Post war houses erected by private enterprise	....	....	....	1373
Post war houses erected by Local Authority	....	....	....	960
Number of applications on Councils Housing List	....	....	....	181

Beyond Repair—Housing Act, 1957:

1. Undertakings accepted (Section 16)	....	....	....	2
2. Closing Orders made (Section 17)	....	....	....	15
3. Demolition Orders made (Section 17)	....	....	....	—
4. Closing Orders revoked and Demolition Orders substituted (Section 28)	....	....	....	3
5. Houses demolished following Demolition Order	....	....	....	19
6. Number of persons displaced (a) Individuals	....	....	....	61
(b) Families	....	....	....	23

Slum Clearance continued during the year to secure the completion of the 1965/70 slum clearance programme.

The Welton Road No. 1. Clearance Area was officially represented involving nine dwellings as being unfit for human habitation, with a recommendation that other adjoining properties should be included as a comprehensive Compulsory Purchase Order to achieve the demolition of buildings and clearance of an area which has remained as a monument of substandard housing and dilapidated vacant buildings for many years. Unfortunately the proposals were not able to be confirmed by Council during the year which was disappointing and frustrating to occupiers committed to spend a further winter in unsatisfactory conditions.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Number of Applications and Houses dealt with by Local Authority during year:—

	<i>Up to August 1969</i>				<i>After August 1969</i>			
	<i>Received</i>		<i>Approved</i>		<i>Received</i>		<i>Approved</i>	
	<i>Appli- cations</i>	<i>No. of Dwel- lings</i>	<i>Appli- cations</i>	<i>No. of Dwel- lings</i>	<i>Appli- cations</i>	<i>No. of Dwel- lings</i>	<i>Appli- cations</i>	<i>No. of Dwel- lings</i>
1. Improvement Grants					2	2	2	2
2. Standard Grants	15	15	15	15	3	3	3	3
3. Special Grants	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Numbers of applications and enquiries to improve properties diminished in 1969 awaiting the higher grants that were announced as available under the Housing Act, 1969. It is expected that greater use will now be made of the Discretionary Grant which had previously been little used in this district.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT
1963

(a) Registration and General Inspections:

<i>Class of Premises</i>	<i>Number of premises registered during the year</i>	<i>Number of registered premises at end of year</i>	<i>Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year</i>
Offices	2	40	12
Retail Shops	2	76	60
Wholesale shops, Ware- houses	—	3	—
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	—	6	6
Fuel storage Depots.	—	—	—
TOTALS:	4	125	78

(b) Analysis of Contraventions:

<i>Section</i>	<i>Number of Contraventions Found</i>
4	Cleanliness 1
5	Overcrowding —
6	Temperature 5
7	Ventilation —
8	Lighting 2
9	Sanitary Conveniences 1
10	Washing facilities 1
11	Supply of drinking water —
12	Clothing accommodation —
16	Sitting facilities —
14	Seats (Sedentary Workers) —
15	Eating facilities —
13	Floors, passage and Stairs —
17	Fencing exposed parts machinery 2
18	Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery —
19	Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery —
23	Prohibition of heavy work —
24	First Aid 3
	Other Matters 4
	TOTAL: 19

(c) Reported Accidents:

<i>Workplace</i>	<i>No. Fatal</i>	<i>Re-ported Non Fatal</i>	<i>Total No. Inves-tigated</i>	<i>Action Recommended</i>			
				<i>Prose-cution</i>	<i>Formal warning</i>	<i>Informal advice</i>	<i>No action</i>
Offices	—	1	1	—	—	—	1
Retail Shops	—	2	2	—	—	—	2
Wholesale shops Warehouses	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Catering estab- lishments open to public can- teens	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS:	—	3	3	—	—	—	3

(d) Analysis of reported accidents:

	<i>Offices</i>	<i>Retail Shops</i>	<i>Wholesale ware-houses</i>	<i>Catering establish-ments open to public, canteens</i>	<i>Fuel storage depots.</i>
Machinery	—	—	—	—	—
Transport	—	—	—	—	—
Falls of persons	—	—	—	—	—
Stepping on or striking against object or person	1	2	—	—	—
Handling goods	—	—	—	—	—
Struck by falling object					
Fires and explosions	—	—	—	—	—
Electricity	—	—	—	—	—
Use of hand tools	—	—	—	—	—
Not otherwise specified	—	—	—	—	—

MEAT INSPECTION

Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or part during the year.

		<i>Cattle exclud. cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Horses</i>
Number killed (if known)	....	243	—	—	267	301	—
Number inspected	....	243	—	—	267	301	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci							
Whole carcasses condem.		—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was cond.	23	—	—	—	15	20	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci	9.4	—	—	—	5.6	6.6	—
Tuberculosis only:							
Whole carcasses condem.		—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticercosis:							
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refriger- ation	....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weight of meat condemned in (lbs.) for:							
(a) Tuberculosis	....	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Cysticercosis	....	—	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Other	....	173	—	—	27	51	—
Total in lbs. condemned		173	—	—	27	51	—

Ice-Cream :

Grade	Mobiles				Premises			
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Soft Ice-cream	14	3	—	2	—	—	—	—
Other Ice-cream	—	—	—	—	12	6	—	—

Milk Supply :

Registration:

Number of registered distributors	12
Number of registered dairy premises (other than dairy farms)	2

All milk for retail sale within the urban boundary is sold as designated milk. 54 samples were taken by the Somerset County Council 53 of which were reported as satisfactory.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Food Premises:

Class of Food Premises	No.	No. fitted to comply with Reg. 16	No. to which Reg. 19 applies	No. fitted to comply with Reg. 19
Butchers	11	11	11	11
Cafes, canteens, restaurants, fish friers	20	20	20	20
Greengrocers	11	11	10	10
Grocers	36	36	36	36
Bakehouses & Food manufacturers	9	9	9	9
Licensed Premises	23	23	23	23
Sweets and Confectionery	21	21	21	21
Wholesale Warehouses	3	3	1	1
TOTAL:	134	134	131	131

Food Hygiene:

The task of ensuring that food which is purchased and consumed by the public is pure and wholesome and is manufactured, transported, stored and retailed under hygienic conditions is one of the most important aspects of the public health department duties.

The work of frequent inspections of all types of food premises restaurants, food factories, shops, bakeries, markets, food transport vehicles and many other premises where food is stored, sold or prepared is a service which receives little publicity or acclaim. But nevertheless despite the multifarious duties which fall on public health inspectors the priorities of food hygiene in all the varied forms can never be overlooked in safeguarding the health of the community.

A successful six weeks Hygiene Food Handling course of lectures was run during the year in co-operation with the St. John's Ambulance Brigade. The course was well attended and proved a very good medium of health education to housewives and young persons employed within the food industry.

Public Swimming Baths and Pools:

Number owned by Local Authority	....	....	....	....	1
Number privately owned	....	....	....	....	—
Number attached to schools	....	....	....	....	7

Four are open air pools and three covered. During the bathing season 34 bacteriological samples of the pool water were taken, 4 of which were found to be unsatisfactory. Simple remedial action to the plant produced satisfactory results.

Clean Air:

Observation and informal action was necessary on several occasions in respect of four industrial plants emitting dark smoke beyond the statutory limits.

These contraventions resulted from the overloading of solid fuel boilers and large incinerators burning waste wood and sawdust also from another plant disposing waste foil and PVC coated paper wrapping.

Noise Abatement:

In an urban environment the noises of modern life and industry can be a problem and nuisance. Eight complaints of excessive noise in the district were dealt with informally. These nuisances ranged from the installation of new mechanical plant in factories situated close to dwellings to a musical group rehearsing, and apparently immune to the disturbance and nuisance the noise of their instruments and amplifying equipment was causing to residents.

Rodent and Pest Control:

Treatments to clear land, buildings and sewers of rodents are carried out by the Council, in the case of business premises either by annual contract or on request as a chargeable service.

The service is provided free to all domestic premises, and covers all insect infestation, including the destruction of wasp nests, of which 39 requests were made for the service of the Rodent Operator to destroy the nest.

The Cluster Fly, so named on account of its habit of forming compact "Clusters" of hibernating individuals in buildings, little used rooms and roof spaces was a particular problem during the year. The flies enter buildings during the autumn and tend to settle until warmth and sunlight stimulate them, creating annoyance and consternation to the householder. Often repeated treatments are necessary as reinfestation occurs with no apparent logical reason for the return of the flies.

The rodent control service plays an important role in the well being of every community both in the prevention of disease and the economy of the nation.

Rats can and do multiply at an alarming rate, the extraordinary reproduction capabilities of a single pair of rats could give rise to over 2,000 progeny in the space of eighteen months.

It is therefore, essential that the presence of rats is both promptly reported and treated, in this respect the general public can give valuable service by notifying the local authority of any site of infestation. With such a comprehensive service covering all aspects of rodent and pest control within the urban district being provided, the Rodent Operator, employed on a part time basis, is finding difficulty in maintaining this standard.

The annual return as submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food:—

<i>Properties other than Sewers</i>	<i>Type of Property</i>	
	<i>Non-Agricultural</i>	<i>Agricultural</i>
1. Number of properties in district	6169	25
2. a. Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	219	—
b. Number infested by (i) Rats	163	—
(ii) Mice	36	—
3. a. Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	85	—
b. Number infested by (i) Rats	83	—
(ii) Mice	19	—
4. Were any sewers infested by rats during the year	YES	—

APPENDIX

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961.

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

<i>Premises</i> (1)	<i>Number on Register</i> (2)	<i>Number of</i>		
		<i>Inspections</i> (3)	<i>Written notices</i> (4)	<i>Occupiers prosecuted</i> (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	2	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	69	27	5	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	7	3	2	—
TOTAL:	83	32	7	—

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

<i>Particulars</i> (1)	<i>Number of cases in which defects were found</i>				<i>Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted</i> (6)
	<i>Found</i> (2)	<i>Remedied</i> (3)	<i>Referred To H.M. Inspector</i> (4)	<i>By H.M. Inspector</i> (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	7	7	—	2	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL:	7	7	—	2	—

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

<i>Nature of Work</i> (1)	<i>Section 133</i>			<i>Section 134</i>		
	<i>No of out workers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c)</i> (2)	<i>No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council</i> (3)	<i>No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists</i> (4)	<i>No. of instances of work in un-wholesome premises</i> (5)	<i>Notices served</i> (6)	<i>Prosecutions</i> (7)
Wearing apparel } Making etc.	78	1	—	—	—	—
TOTAL:	78	1	—	—	—	—

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